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Valencia type peanuts produced in the Southwest that are suitable for cleaning and roasting. Peanuts that are identified, determined and classified by the Federal-State Inspection Service as bright hull Valencia peanuts.

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§ 1446.104 Performance based upon action or advice of a representative of the Secretary.

The provisions of part 791 of this chapter with respect to performance based upon action or advice of any authorized representative of the Secretary shall be applicable to this part.

§ 1446.105 Handling payments and collections not exceeding \$9.99.

In order to avoid administrative costs of making small payments and handling small accounts, amounts of \$9.99 or less which are due the handler will be paid only upon the handler's request. Deficiencies of \$9.99 or less, including interest, may be disregarded unless demand for payment is made by CCC.

Subpart B—Basic Handler Operations

§ 1446.201 General handler provisions.

(a) *Handler registration and approval.* To avoid marketing penalties otherwise provided in this part for failure to register as a handler, each person who plans to acquire peanuts for processing or resale must register as a handler and be approved as a handler in accordance with this paragraph.

(1) *Registration.* Registration must be made on the form FSA-1008, Application for Handler Card, and must be filed:

(i) For each marketing year in which such person expects to acquire peanuts for processing or resale.

(ii) With each marketing association that serves the marketing area in

which such person plans to acquire peanuts during the applicable marketing year.

(iii) Prior to the time such person acquires peanuts, during the respective marketing year, within the marketing area served by such marketing association.

(2) *Approval.* The determination of whether a handler will be approved shall be made by the applicable marketing association in which the registration was filed and, in the case of approval, such approval shall be evidenced by a handler registration number that is issued by such marketing association.

(b) *Handler of loan peanuts.* To handle loan peanuts, either quota or additional, a person must be approved as a handler and must contract with the marketing association on form CCC-1028 or form CCC-1028-A to handle such peanuts. To contract to handle loan peanuts, the handler must meet all requirements of the applicable warehousing contract with respect to receiving, handling and storing loan peanuts.

(c) *Handler of contract additional peanuts.* To handle contract additional peanuts in a marketing area, a person must be approved as a handler for that area in accordance with this part.

(d) *Marketing assessments and marketing penalties.* A handler shall collect and pay marketing assessments and marketing penalties in accordance with the provisions in part 729 of this title.

(e) *Penalties and other remedies.* Any handler that fails to register in accordance with this section shall be subject to all penalties that may apply to handlers under this part and all other remedies that apply against handlers. Further, such handler shall be subject to penalties for non-registration as may apply.

§ 1446.202 Peanut buyer card and buying point card.

(a) *Peanut buyer card.* The marketing association which approves a handler will assign a registration number to such handler and CCC will issue an embossed peanut buyer card which will show the handler's registration number, name and address. The handler

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will use the buyer card for identification when buying or selling peanuts.

(b) *Buying point card.* CCC will issue a buying point card to the Federal-State Inspection Service for delivery to each handler who operates a buying point at which peanuts are inspected. The buying point card will show a buying point number that will be used to identify the physical location of such buying point.

§ 1446.203 Marketing card entries and collection of assessments, penalties and debts.

The handler shall make marketing card entries and shall collect assessments, penalties and debts in accordance with the provisions in this part and in part 729 of this title.

(a) *Indebtedness to the United States due to peanut marketing penalties.* As provided in part 729 of this title, if a producer is indebted to the United States for a peanut marketing penalty, such penalty shall result in a lien in favor of the United States on any peanuts in which such producer has an interest and any person who acquires peanuts from such producer shall be considered to have notice of such lien at the time such lien becomes attached. Except with respect to any lien that was perfected before the peanut poundage quota lien became attached in those cases not involving peanuts placed in the price support loan inventory, any person who acquires peanuts from such producer shall deduct the lien amount plus any applicable interest from the proceeds otherwise due to such producer as a result of the acquisition of the peanuts. Any deducted amount shall be paid to CCC in accordance with instructions issued by the Deputy Administrator. In the event a required deduction is not made from the proceeds for such peanuts, the person who acquires such peanuts shall be liable to CCC for the amount of the lien, to the extent of the market value of such peanuts or proceeds of the peanuts whichever is higher.

(b) *Farmers Home Administration or Farm Service Agency lien.* If a Farmers Home Administration or Farm Service Agency lien has been recorded on the marketing card that was issued for the use of a producer when marketing pean-

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nuts, the purchaser of such peanuts shall make the check, for the proceeds from such peanuts, payable jointly to the producer and the Farm Service Agency. However, if a peanut poundage quota lien was also recorded on the marketing card against such producer, the check shall be made payable jointly to the producer, CCC and the Farm Service Agency.

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§ 1446.204 Transmittal of collections of penalties and claims.

(a) *Commercial purchases.* A handler shall use form FSA-1012, Buyer's Transmittal of Claims and/or Marketing Penalty, to transmit to FSA any marketing penalty or peanut poundage quota lien that is collected directly or indirectly from a producer at the time such producer marketed peanuts as quota commercial or contract additional peanuts. Such collections shall be made in accordance with the requirements of part 729 of this title. A collection is considered to have been made at the time of marketing the peanuts. Each collection shall be sent to the county FSA office which issued the marketing card and, unless otherwise approved by the Executive Vice President, CCC, shall be sent within 15 days after the collection is made.

(b) *Loan peanuts.* Withholdings from the loan value due a producer which represent collections of marketing penalties, peanut poundage quota liens or U.S. claims shall be transmitted or handled in accordance with instructions issued by the marketing association or CCC.

Subpart C—Warehouse Storage Loans

§ 1446.301 Eligibility of peanuts for price support at the quota loan rate.

For peanuts to be eligible for a price support loan at the quota loan rate such peanuts:

- (a) Must be eligible peanuts that were produced by an eligible producer;
- (b) Must be Segregation 1 peanuts;
- (c) If mechanically dried, must contain at least 6 percent moisture;